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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Establishment Branch

NOTIFICATION

Simla-4, the 1st October, 1954

No. A-107-112/54.—The Government of Himachal Pradesh announce with profound sorrow the death of Shri M. M. Crishna, I. A. S., Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary (Development and Planning) to Himachal Pradesh Government, by drowning in river Markanda, while crossing *en-route* Paonta on the 30th September, 1954, at 8 P.M. Shri Crishna was travelling in connection with the opening ceremony of the Re-creation Centre at Paonta. The river was in spate owing to heavy rains in the adjoining hills and without regard for his safety Shri Crishna drove his jeep into the river to cross it so as to reach Paonta well before hand in connection with Government duty he had to perform over there. The current was too strong to negotiate and washed Shri Crishna away alongwith the jeep which he drove. His body was traced at 8-30 A. M. on the 1st October, 1954 near Moginand, a village about eight miles down-stream from

the place of the unfortunate accident.

Shri Crishna was a young officer in his late thirties and was on deputation to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as Development Secretary-cum-Development Commissioner, from the Uttar Pradesh Government, since the 25th March, 1953. After having rendered about six years' service in the Royal Indian Air Force during the last World War as a Pilot in General Duties Branch of the Indian Air Force, Shri Crishna was selected in the Indian Administrative Service in April, 1947, in the War Service quota, and was officiating in the senior time-scale of the I. A. S. since the 30th May, 1952. His substantive appointment in the Uttar Pradesh Government was that of a Joint Magistrate. In Himachal Pradesh he has been responsible for the organisation of the Development Department *ab-initio* and the missionary zeal with which he worked throughout his service in this Government can well be gauged from the progress which has been made by the Community Projects and National Development Blocks in the State. His long association with the Army in the various operational theatres stood him in good stead in the discharge of his functions in this hilly terrain and he worked ceaselessly and unfatigued by touring almost every part of the State where the Development programmes were in hand. Though young for the duties which had devolved upon him, yet the zeal with which he worked not only proved him a successful administrator but also a keen observer of human nature which is proved by his popularity amongst superiors, colleagues and subordinates equally.

By his untimely death, the Government of Himachal Pradesh have lost a very energetic, experienced and devoted servant of the people and consequently the Development Department in the State has received considerable set-back.

The Government convey profound sorrow and feelings of heart-felt sympathy to his young widow and children and other relations. A resolution of condolence from the officers and staff of Himachal Pradesh Government passed in a meeting held to-day forenoon has been sent separately to Mrs. Crishna.

MANGAT RAI,
Chief Secretary.